

*AtlantiChallenge Russia*

Baltic Challenge 2011

# Introduction

Baltic Challenge program is very similar to the Atlantic Challenge Contest you used to know:

People from different countries comes together to build new relations, teach each other and improve their skills aboard the gigs and ashore.

In Baltic Challenge more focus is put on building relations and leaning rather then racing between national teams.

Therefore, practice (training) and races will be mixed with side seeing excursions and other activities.

We would like to invite you to St.Petersburg, Russia to participate in Baltic Challenge in July 2011.

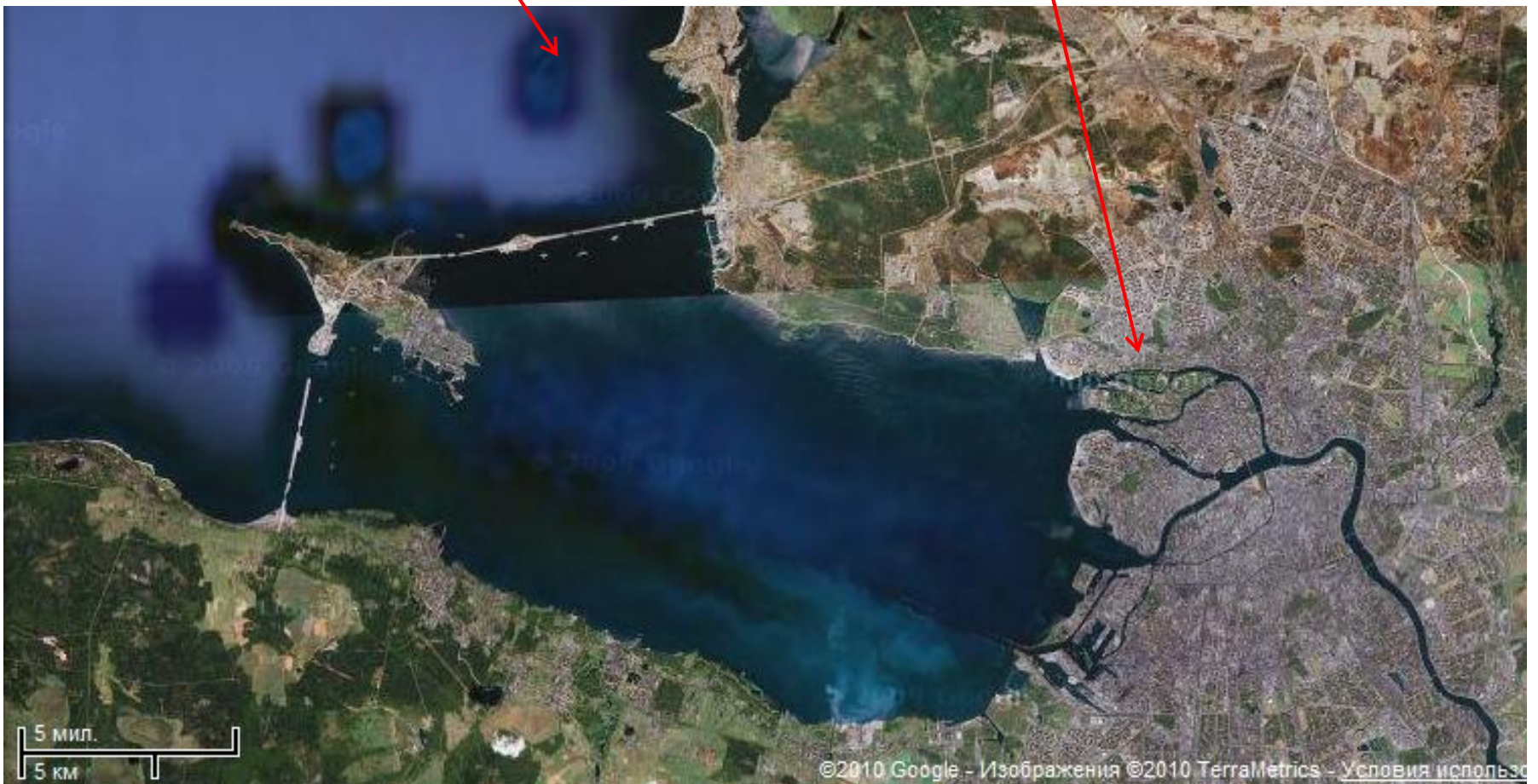
# Place

The camp will be placed at Totleben Fortress – an artificial island in Gulf of Finland. It's 18 nm from St. Petersburg and 2 nm from Sestroretsk town. It's quite big island (750x50 m) with well protected the harbor. Depth of the Gulf is around 4 meters. The water is almost fresh.

Atlantic Challenge Russia runs annual training camps at the Fortress since 1997.

# Place at Google Maps

Totleben Fortress and St. Petersburg



# Totleben Fortress

- Camp place;
- Peer;
- Breakwaters;



# Time Schedule

Preliminary dates are 1-10 of July 2011.

The weather is usually nice and “white nights” of St.Petersburg are amazing.

By this time all students in Russia are free from Universities and ready to welcome you.

Dates are flexible to suite you needs.

General schedule:

- 3 days for trainings
- 4 days for races
- 2 days for side seeing
- 1 day spare for the “weather conditions”

# Accommodation

- Tent camp on the grass in the yard of the Fortress;
- WC in 50 meters aside from the camp;
- No shower. The water of Gulf of Finland is good for swimming, Russian team is required to take a swim every morning;
- Fresh water for food preparing and drinking will be delivered from ashore;
- The cooking is done by “crewmembers on duty”.

# Trainings and Races Outline

- 4 or 5 Russian gigs will be made available to carry both National and International crews;
- You do not have to bring your own gig
- Traditional AC and special “Russian” events and races;
- Final race to St.Petersburg.
- Crews will not be mixed during the races;

# Weather conditions

- Mid-summer in St.Petersburg is usually around 20-24°C (day) and 14-18°C (night).
- Last summer was extremely hot (up to 36°C).
- Rains and thunderstorms are possible, but not necessary.
- Winds are moderate, 3-8 m/sec.
- Water temperature is around 18°C (morning swimming is strongly recommended).

# General organization

- International Event Committee will be formed to run Races;
- Two power boats for Event Committee;
- Rescuer's station at the Fortress for all time of events ;
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# What do you need to have and to do

- Let us know of your plans as soon as possible!
- You will need to apply for Russian Visa ( we will provide some support here, but visa will require actions from you and time, please plan accordingly)
- You will need to get to St.Petersburg
- You will be asked to share expenses for food (up to around 100 USD)
- Sailing and personal camping gear
- Friendly attitude

Welcome!



Yours Atlantic Challenge Russia